

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Dreisinger, *et al.* Examiner: Steven J. Bos
Serial No.: 10/578,533 Group Art Unit: 1793
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Title: ORE LEACH METHOD WITH AQUEOUS SULFURIC ACID CONTAINING
FERRIC IONS

To: Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This is a Response to the Final Office Action mailed January 4, 2010, in connection with the above-identified U.S. patent application. A Request for Continued Examination is submitted herewith. In view of a petition for a three-month extension of time, also submitted herewith, the period for response expires on July 4, 2010. Since July 4, 2010 falls on a Sunday, the period for response is extended to the next succeeding day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal Holiday under 37 C.F.R. § 1.7. Because July 4, 2010 is a Federal Holiday that falls on a Sunday, the following Monday is also a Federal Holiday (see MPEP § 710.05; Exec. Order No. 10,358, 17 Fed. Reg., 5269; 5 U.S.C. 6103). As such, the period for response expires on July 6, 2010. Therefore, this Response is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.